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In re Application of:

Michael S.H. Chu et al.

Serial No.: 09/430,050

Examiner: A. Lam

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Group Art Unit: 3763

For: SPLIT VALVE FOR PEEL-AWAY SHEATH

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2001, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

*A1* ~~3~~ (Once Amended) A breakaway valve for a tubular peel-away sheath, said sheath having an external surface, a lumen, and a proximal end comprising:

means for reversibly restricting fluid flow from said sheath lumen coupled to said sheath proximal end, wherein said means for reversibly restricting fluid flow include a valve sleeve and



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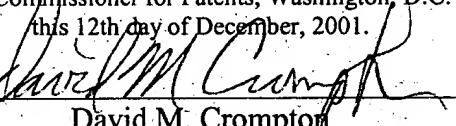
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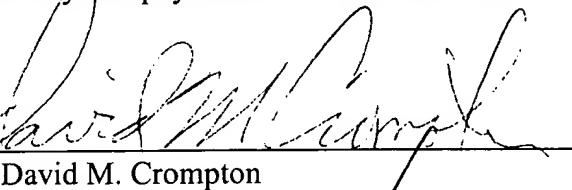
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